

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: **FREEZE-DRIED PREPARATION
CONTAINING
METHYLCOBALAMIN AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME**

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Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: Zohreh Vakili

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office action mailed June 25, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendment and reply. It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to, and a listing of, the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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